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Everlasting Love

From the Lesson:

“The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love...” (Jeremiah 31:3)

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us...” (I John 4:10)

In the July 2019 issue of ‘Love is the Liberator’, is an article from the Christian Science Journal, 1885, entitled “Childlike Trust.” It tells of a little child confidently treating and healing a little boy, with a violent form of illness; and when asked how she did it, she explained that she “just remembered for him that God loved him dearly...”

Divine Love: Thou Art That

(Guiding Text): “He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?” (*Science and Health*, p. 366:14-16; 1 John 4:20).

This post relies upon divine science wisdom to answer the mighty apostolic question quoted above by St. John and Mary Baker Eddy. Concisely, personal sense, to varying degrees of intensity (emotionalism), is attached to the erroneous belief that a person, animal, even a place or thing has inherent powers of love and hate (good and evil) (see Ret: 65-6; *S&H* 1875: Ch. 1; *S&H* 71:1-4). Sit tight: That love is found in a finite-matter-bound form is a limited human concept. All great prophets declare that human love appears to be real, yet is unreal (see *S&H*: 268-340). So, personal sense can provide no solution to loving ‘brother’ whom I have seen!

That said, Love is God, Spirit, Soul. Divine Love abides in Soul in its FULLNESS, nonetheless “none but the pure in heart can see God” (Matt. 5:8). Christ Awareness is that pure heart outside of personal sense and material form. The science of being rests upon the Principle that “I” is divine Love, Spirit, Immortal Being, not matter, not personality (see *Science and Health* 1875:60-1;40-1;198-9; Ret: 29).

I understand the lived experience of Christ’s Sermon on the Mount, as Jesus promises, will reveal divine Love, even as a flash of Christ Awareness, and will become a fount of inspiration, or the key to the door through which “I” (Spirit) will be enabled to meet in Oneness with My Father (Spirit) in Heaven (Immortality) (see Matthew 5:1-48-6:8-34; 7:1-29; see *Science and Health* 1875: 211-3; Ret: 86-7).

The outstanding point in this lesson to me is that divine Love is not of ‘this world’. A deeper point is my scientific understanding of Christ will be multiplied as ‘loaves and fishes’, casting out error, teaching the gospel and healing the sick, only in proportion as I am able to experience divine Love via my Awareness of Oneness: “I and *my* Father are one” (John 10:30). And, a deeper point still, there is not God and ‘brother’ in Oneness. All there is to ‘brother’ is Soul, Spirit, Love, not person in any finite sense of the word (see *Science & Health* 1875: Ch. 3; 211-2; 223; *S&H* 71:1-9; Ret: 83-4).

Gratitude to Plainfield CS for providing this lesson which is conveyed in these heartfelt words: Thank you, Spirit! Thank you, All.

If God Be For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?

(Responsive Reading: Romans 8:31) “If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?”

The following incomplete list of “who can be against us” has been coming to me this week:

- The ignorant
- The proud
- Those mesmerized by false systems
- Those who have been turned away from Christian Science by a parent or teacher who was weird or personal

I was definitely in that last camp for a few decades, and I am grateful for the love that has been shown by members here which helped me to see the difference between how my mother presented Christian Science, and what Christian Science actually is.

The unselfed love and lack of weirdness that this Church and its members present to the world goes a long way to dissolve all the ways that anyone, anywhere may feel “against us” because of our honest striving for oneness with God, and a desire to reflect Truth, Life, and Love in all we do. We know that no one given the option would ever actually *choose* to seek error, death, and hate — *that* would be weird! So I am grateful to be here, and to be able to help reach out to the world and break down every barrier and false belief that people may have with the Science that works for me and I know will work for them. Thank you for this lesson!

Divine Love Supplies All Our Needs

“And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave *them* to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. And they did all eat and were filled.” (Mark 6:41,42)

In the recent booklet “Praying and Watching to Bless All Children”, I came across the watch for June 22nd, 2017, where a quote from an address by Martha Wilcox was used that is very appropriate to this account of feeding the 5 thousand. The quote reads “Jesus did not go anywhere to get the loaves and fishes. He turned at once to his own Mind for his needed supply. Jesus knew that the loaves and fishes were purely mental; they were thought forms, or forms of thought. He knew that each

individual consciousness already included loaves and fishes and all other good, as well.”

To paraphrase a quote also in that watch from ‘Watches-Prayers-Argument’, page 119, “[Divine Love] gives to each and every one of His children abundantly all they need,...”

Thank you for this inspiring lesson on the power of Divine Love.

Who Shall Separate Us From The Love of Christ?

When a resentful thought comes, or a thought that someone did something to me, or should have done something differently, etc., the lesson this week and also the Watching Point, helped me know that my work is to love and send out a blessing. Nothing can separate us from God and all He made us to be, even the perceived behavior of another, which as I have found the hard way is often wrong anyway.

This is a relief and a blessing. Thank you for this Lesson.

(Romans 8:35): “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”

Watching Point 399 — WATCH that you seek to love others, rather than to seek to have others love you. When you seek to have others love you, you are clinging to earth. When you seek to love others, without regard for whether that love is returned, you are on the highroad to heaven. Mrs. Eddy once said, “In human love you seek someone to love; in divine Love you seek to love.” At another time she said, “In human love you expect something for yourself; in divine Love you expect something for all.”

SUBJECT: Spirit — February 6th, 2022

Live And Walk In Spirit

(Golden Text: Galatians 5:25) “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit”.

The word “if” qualifies a direction and an instruction, and informs us the request that follows

is important.

The term “let us” is conditional and draws us to what we are asked to do by way of application and practice.

Thus, “if” we live (that is, when we truly understand and abide) in the Spirit, (which is the Principle of Immortal Life and of At-one-ment), “let us” ALSO “walk in the Spirit”: that is, practise, wholeheartedly, the precepts and commandments Jesus of Nazareth declares are essential principles, because as we truly master them we are able to understand Christ Awareness, and therefore are able to demonstrate and prove that personal sense and error have no Scientific basis.

‘Science and Health’ is a guiding light to each step we take spiritually, and when we walk in line with it and Scripture, we are invited to correct our direction and adjust our pace to match those of Soul, Spirit, and immortal Life.

“Mother Was Trying to Give You Her Highest Teaching.”

In reading Watching Point 269 from the Daily Watch this week, the following from pages 252-253 of the *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*, (the *Blue Book*), came to me:

“One day Mrs. Eddy touched Adam Dickey’s hand with her finger and asked him, ‘What is this?’ He replied, ‘Matter.’ She said, ‘It is *not*; it is Spirit’. Then another time she looked at him and said, ‘You are Spirit’. And he said, ‘No, Mother, I am spiritual’. She said in a very emphatic way, ‘You are Spirit’. And he said, ‘Mother, I do not see that’. She said, ‘You are Spirit’, the third time, but he said he could not see it. When he was going to his room he met Mrs. Sargent and told her of the conversation with Mrs. Eddy and she said, ‘Oh, Mr. Dickey, why did you say that! Mother was trying to give you her highest teaching.’”

In contemplating this Watching Point and above quote more this week, I was thinking of everything I didn’t understand when I first arrived in Plainfield. (Practically everything!) But my

practitioner let me know these things would become clear over time, and clearer still as we progress. And true to that, I am sure everyone can relate to reading or hearing something from a lesson or one of our books and eventually it finally clicks. To have these ideas open up and become something we rely on in our daily lives is such a great blessing. Because of this, I’ve begun to see that “demanding the blessing” actually comes in two parts: The first is to know that all situations and interactions have good to impart, and to pray and work and strive and be patient until it is revealed. The second — which I am not sure I was completely doing for a long while — is to not just be content with the uncovering of that good, but to actively work to accept that blessing within myself so that it becomes yet another tool I have proved and can use, as needed.

In thinking of Mrs. Eddy teaching Adam Dickey, she uncovered this great good for him, yet it was as if he demanded not to be blessed. How much better if he had said “I will quiet my doubt and trust your spiritual understanding over my own, and pray I understand this with time.” I feel this is an important thing for me to be on the lookout for in myself. Just because and I am here in Plainfield — even as Adam Dickey worked for Mrs. Eddy at Chestnut Hill — it does not mean the entirety of my consciousness is good soil, or that I don’t have more to learn. There may (will?) be patches of thorns or rocky ground which I will need to contend with, so more advanced teachings of Christian Science will be able to take root in me and flourish. This reminds me of Mary Baker Eddy’s words from page 118 from *Misc*: “Be of good cheer; the warfare with one’s self is grand; it gives one plenty of employment, and the divine Principle worketh with you, — and obedience crowns persistent effort with everlasting victory.”

I am so grateful for all that I am learning here each week. Thank you!

How The Leopard They Named “Diabolo” Became Spirit

Link: [“How Leopard Diabolo Became Spirit”](#)

(*Science and Health*, 1st Edition, p. 270):

“All the formations of God are based on Spirit and immortality, and that which is formed by Soul, and not sense, is harmless, harmonious and eternal. Heaven and earth, together with every animal, mineral, and vegetable that God hath made, are harmonious and eternal. The belief of Life in matter produces its own kind, for it is predicated on error, that brings forth that which is sinful, ferocious, impure, and mortal. Vertebrates, articulates, mollusks and radiates are simply what mind makes them [i.e., finite mind rather than Mind, or infinite Intelligence]. They are technicalized mortality, that will disappear when the radiates of Spirit illumine sense, and destroy forever the belief of Life and Intelligence in matter.”

Beautiful, emotional film! Thank you so much for sharing! Such evidence of the ONE divine, infinite, omnipresent Mind governing all its formations. Watched it alone, then dragged other half in to watch it. Then shared it with a few other friends. Then found another film about this lady on YouTube, the longer film that this clip is from, and watched that. And then continued this beautiful, awe-inspired lesson into a powerful watch. Thank you again.

Psalm 139: King James Version

“O LORD,... ³Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my ways... ⁷Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? ⁸If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*. ⁹If I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; ¹⁰Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.”

Hymn 118

*From The Christian Science Hymnal,
1932 Edition*

Holy Spirit, Light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire;
Cleanse my thought in Thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, Peace divine,
Still this restless heart of mine;
Speak to calm the tossing sea,
Stayed in Thy tranquillity.

Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Bid my troubled thoughts be still;
With Thy peace my spirit fill.

Light of God



*From Germany:
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